

Andrew Jackson, February 20, 1809, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

DIVISION ORDERS.1

1 Jackson's orders of Dec. 19, 1808, probably spurred Governor Sevier to action. Jan. 12, 1809, he ordered Jackson to call out his quota, in accordance with the requisition of the President, but the detachment was directed to be under the command of Brig.-Gen. James Winchester. Jackson accepted the decision and, Feb. 20, sent this order to the commanders of brigades in his division.

Hermitage, February 20 1809

Having recd. on the 20th. instant, from his Excellency John Sevier Esqr Governor of the State of Tennessee his order of Date the 12th. ultimo, (anticipated by my order of the 19th. of December last) "requiring me to take early and effectual measures, to have the quota required from my division ready to march at the shortest notice which have been already called for in a former order from the executive and as nearly as practicable in the following proportions of artillary, cavalry riflemen and infantry (viz) one twelfth artillary one sixteenth cavalry and from one sixteenth, to one twelfth riflemen and the residue infantry, to be completely acquiped with arms and accoutriments, fit for actual service, including Blanketts and Knapsacks" not having recd. the former order above alluded by his Excellency, it is out of my power to state the quota required, but presumeing that it has come to your hands thro some other channel, you are commanded herby strictly to attend to the former order of his excellency alluded to in his present order as it respects the number required from your Brigade. Should it have reached you, you are to understand that any corps of volunteers, previous to orders for taking the field, who may have tenderd

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their services according to the second section of the “act of congress passed the 24th. day of February 1807 authorising the President of the U. States to accept the service of a number of volunteer companies not exceeding thirty thousand men,” will be received and accepted of as part of the quota now required from your Brigade. You will therefore appeal to the patriotism of the citizens, that the quota may be made by voluntary tender of service—and your [general? governor?] is confident, from the Patriotism displayed on a late meeting in Nashville, that it is only necessary to say to our fellow citizens and soldiers, that our rights are invaded our liberties endangered, that our common country requires their services—to see them like a band of brothers pressing forward in to the ranks to Defend the rights liberties and independence, so dearly Bot. and Bequeathed to us by our forefathers.

you will so soon as you can raise the quota required of your Brigade, furnish me with the muster Rolls of each company, and the names of the field officers captains and lieuttenants by whom they are commanded, that I may transmit the returns to the governor of this state. You will please to note, “that seperate returns must be made of those who have heretofore voluntered, and those who have volunteered under the last mentioned act.” Genl James Winchester is appointed by the Governor to command the Troops to be raised in this State under the present requisition. relying on your patriotism and alacrity, in carrying this order into immediate effect, I am with sincere Esteem and respect yr mo. ob. serv.